

authorized by the patrol commander. Anchoring in the viewing area is prohibited unless authorized by the Patrol Commander. Entry or anchoring in the staging area is prohibited, unless authorized by the Patrol Commander. After the passage of the parade participants, all vessels may resume normal operations.

(2) A succession of not fewer than 5 short whistle or horn blasts from a patrol vessel will be the signal for any non-participating vessel to stop immediately. The display of an orange distress smoke signal from a patrol vessel will be the signal for any and all vessels to stop immediately.

(c) *Effective Date:* This section is effective annually on the second Saturday in December from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. EST.

Dated: October 27, 1997.

**Norman T. Saunders,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.*

[FR Doc. 97-29508 Filed 11-6-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-14-M

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-5919-3]

#### Notice of Extension of Comment Period for the GE-Housatonic Site Included in National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites, Proposed Rule No. 23

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of extension of comment period for GE-Housatonic site.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the comment period for the GE-Housatonic site in Pittsfield, Massachusetts which was proposed to be added to the National Priorities List (NPL) on September 25, 1997 (62 FR 50450). The comment period was scheduled to end on November 24, 1997. However, due to the unique circumstances surrounding the GE-Housatonic site, the comment period will be extended until March 1, 1998.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has formed a partnership with several state and federal agencies (intergovernmental team) in order to achieve a comprehensive solution to the environmental problems at the GE/Housatonic River Site in Pittsfield, MA. The Intergovernmental Team is

comprised of representatives from EPA, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, the Connecticut Attorney General's Office, the US Department of Interior, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the United States Department of Justice. The Intergovernmental Team is attempting to negotiate, with General Electric, a comprehensive solution in lieu of final listing of the General Electric/Housatonic River Site on the National Priorities list. In order to facilitate this intensive and comprehensive negotiation, the EPA has decided to extend the public comment period until March 1, 1998.

Numerous parties, including the public, are directly or indirectly participating in these negotiations. These parties include the City of Pittsfield and other cities and towns downstream of the GE facility, environmental and business groups.

**DATES:** Comments regarding the GE-Housatonic site must be submitted (postmarked) on or before March 1, 1998.

#### ADDRESSES:

*By Mail:* Mail original and three copies of comments (no facsimiles or tapes) to Docket Coordinator, Headquarters; U.S. EPA; CERCLA Docket Office; (Mail Code 5201G); 401 M Street, SW; Washington, DC 20460; 703/603-9232.

*By Federal Express:* Send original and three copies of comments (no facsimiles or tapes) to Docket Coordinator, Headquarters; U.S. EPA; CERCLA Docket Office; 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway; Crystal Gateway #1, First Floor; Arlington, VA 22202.

*By E-Mail:* Comments in ASCII format only may be mailed directly to Superfund.Docket@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. E-mailed comments must be followed up by an original and three copies sent by mail or Federal Express.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terry Keidan, State and Site Identification Center, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response (Mail Code 5204G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20460.

Dated: October 27, 1997.

**Stephen D. Luftig,**

*Director, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response.*

[FR Doc. 97-29481 Filed 11-6-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Parts 20 and 90

[WT Docket No. 96-86; FCC 97-373]

#### The Development of Technical and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Public Safety Agency Communication Requirements, Establishment of Rules and Requirements for Priority Access Service

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission adopts a *Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Second NPRM)* which makes a range of proposals relating to public safety communications in the 746-806 MHz band and in general. The *Second NPRM* discusses goals for establishing a plan to ensure the efficient and effective use of spectrum to meet critical public safety communications needs, proposes and seeks comment on service rules for the 24 megahertz of spectrum that the Commission has proposed to allocate for public safety needs, seeks comment relating to the establishment of wireless priority access services by commercial systems for use in meeting communications needs in emergency and disaster situations, and proposes technical requirements to protect broadcast licensees operating in the 746-806 MHz band from interference. This action is taken as part of the Commission's compliance with its mandate under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before December 22, 1997, and reply comments are due on or before January 12, 1998. Written comments by the public on the proposed information collections are due January 6, 1998. Written comments on the proposed information collections must be submitted by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on or before January 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, Room 222, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the Secretary, a copy of any comments on the information collections contained herein should be submitted to Judy